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A Small Boat Racing Club, Established 1954**

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Commodore's Comments

Congratulations go out to the Snipe fleet for a successful Nationals event. I have heard many compliments regarding the regatta organization and SSA's race committee. My personal thanks go out to the Snipe fleet for showing off our club, and to all the members who helped out by moving their boats to make the regatta possible.

The Snipe regatta marks the end of an incredibly busy summer at SSA. The club's facilities have seen continuous daily activity for at least 75 consecutive days, including our extensive junior program, TESODs, regular weekend activity, and major regattas like Snipe Nationals and Lightning Atlantic Coast Championships. I hope every member appreciates the significance of this usage, and is proud of our active one-design racing club.

The Board of Governors is in the process of reviewing the club's finances in preparation for the 2011 fiscal year. SSA is in a solid financial position but we anticipate several capital costs in the coming years. In addition to dock work and other major replacements, we anticipate major renovations to our clubhouse facilities. To address regular increases in our operating expenses, and to ensure adequate funds for these capital costs, we expect a modest increase in dues and storage for next year. The board notes that dues increases have been rare and small over the last decade.

Finally, we are heading into the last part of our yearly racing schedule. Please check to make sure that you have not forgotten your race committee assignments in the last part of the year. Please check in with the vice chair for your event and be sure that you know the schedule so that you can show up on time. Remember that you are responsible to find a replacement if you cannot make your assigned day. We need each and every member to ensure high quality race management for each race day.

Commodore Luke Shingledecker

Significant News

- **Hurricane Earl threatens the East Coast** – Go to <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> to track the storm and plan accordingly.
- **Nominating Committee** - The 2010 nominating committee has been appointed. Members include Jesse Falsone, Ted Morgan, Alex Stout, Ramsey Alexander and Along Finkelstein. The committee is tasked with proposing a slate of nominees to serve on the board of governors in 2011. The slate of nominees will be published in the October eSSAy. If you have any interest in serving on the board, or if you would like to recommend another voting member to be considered for the slate, please contact Jesse Falsone at jessefalsone@gmail.com.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Following an analysis of SSA building "program of space requirements" last spring which helped determine a feasibility stage design, the club proceeding towards issuing request for proposals to obtain the next step of schematic drawings and cost estimates for renovation of the main and auxiliary clubhouses.

The board of governors voted to engage the services of a consultant to help with both the request for proposal writing and the evaluations of the proposals received. We have found a candidate and expect to issue the request for proposal within the month of September.

The schematic design and cost estimates obtained from the next phase of design will so be used to allow final decisions on an appropriate and affordable design and plan the necessary project financing. The contract for the schematic drawing and estimation work is planned to be awarded in early fall this year and expected to be completed this winter.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact the facilities chairman, Sean Smith.

SSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 12, 2010

Present: Jen Cook, Mike Higgins, Todd Johnson, David Koepper, Eric Reinke, Peter Rich, Luke Shingledecker, Sean Smith, Nan Walker
Absent: John Gebhardt, Hal Whitacre

The revised June minutes were approved.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

- Fri, 7/16, 6:30 pm-dusk (Jr Club) 1st Half Awards and Family Night.
- Thu, 8/12, 6:30 pm (Jr Club) Final Awards.
- Sun, 8/29, 6-10 pm (Ellen Pappas-Lutz) World Wings Charity Event.
- Taxes have been completed and will be mailed on 6/15. An inventory of assets was conducted as part of the tax preparation. Nan is arranging a meeting with the accountant and Todd.
- The new office computer is not completely operational yet. Word docs transferred, Quickbooks 2010 installed, Outlook needs to be set up.
- Nan will be on vacation the week of August 16-20, during the Snipe Nationals. David Koepper will contact the Snipe fleet about having someone ashore during the regatta.
- TESOD Music and Keg Night approved for August 31. Dan Haas will perform solo.
- Race Clinic Series: Next date is set for TESOD August 3rd with Aaron Serinis (tactics). Nan will contact Tom Sitzmann about finding another date in August or September for his clinic.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Favored End starter was replaced and is working properly now. All RC equipment and boats are in good working order.
- JB Painting has not completed the clubhouse roof and upper J24 hoist beam painting. Mike may need to explore other options if they do not schedule work soon.
- The storage lot is full, except for a few Laser rack spaces, two wet slips, and a V-15 dolly space.
- Sean and Mike installed Mike's old 10,000 BTU AC unit in the snack bar east hatch. David Yates says that it has really helped cool the place in the morning when the doors and hatches are shut, but does not have much cooling effect when they are open.
- There is an unidentified, abandoned Ford trailer on the lot. Mike will contact the DMV to try to identify the trailer's owner and may ask Jon Anthony to remove it from the lot.
- David Yates will be on vacation from July 10 until the end of July.

FINANCE REPORT

- Operating revenue and expenses show nothing unusual compared with last year at this time.
- 2011 Budget: To estimate the 2010 end of year total profit/loss of about \$34K net profit, Todd used the budget numbers through June 2010, added the next 3 months from 2009, and subtracted a few things such as interest income that we will not have in 2010. In preparation for the 2011 budget discussion at the August meeting, Board members, Mike, and Nan should provide Todd with input on any line items that may or should change for 2011.
- We need to increase our annual revenue in order to pay for future capital expenses, especially if we renovate the clubhouse. Todd recommended creating a sinking fund, based on an estimate of future costs and additional revenue needed annually.
 - We have about \$250K in dock work and other capital improvements coming up.
 - A full/thorough clubhouse renovation could cost about \$950K, likely payable over 2 years. The renovation could be financed from savings, a loan and other sources, such as fundraising and dues increases.
 - The club has been relatively slow to raise membership dues to match increases in operating expenses. 10 years ago we charged \$420 and now we charge \$470. Most recently, membership dues were raised by 3% in 2003 and again by 3% in 2007.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- New associate members, membership status changes, and resignations were approved.
- Priscilla Podlich (honorary) has passed away.

FACILITIES REPORT

- An AC unit has been installed in the snack bar.
- Cleats were installed on the outer pier to help with temporary staging of boats.
- Replacement of walers in the middle basin will be scoped out in the fall.
- The Board voted 6:1 to hire an independent project manager to oversee the development of a request for proposal for all architectural and engineering design work based on the feasibility level drawings prepared by the Buildings Renovations Subcommittee. The project manager will also evaluate bids received for compliance with the RFP. Todd and Sean will each identify a project manager candidate. The Board allocated funds for work conducted through this RFP stage. The decision about whether to hire a project manager beyond the RFP stage was postponed until more information is available at a later date.

SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Snipe 2010 National Regatta, August 13th - August 20th: Brian Hetherington is coordinating remaining boat consolidation. Boats can return on Saturday morning, August 21. Fleets that will race on Saturday may be able to return boats on Friday. Fleets have been notified through SSA email, eSSAy, and direct mail to each fleet captain. TESOD for August 17 is canceled.
- There are concerns about Byte fleet viability. They have missed every regatta until this past weekend.
- Day Sailors have asked whether a 2012 National regatta during mid-summer could be an option. David and the Day Sailor fleet will start this discussion with the Jr. Program.

STANDING RACE COMMITTEE REPORT

- The SRC Safety sub-committee has prepared a one-page summary of radio and telephone emergency communications procedures and contacts. We have asked Nan to make copies, have them laminated, and then place one in each of our four RC boats.
- The final Vice Chair slot for the season's events finally has been filled. As usual, too many of our VCs opted to serve as staff on "interesting" events, rather than fill needed VC slots, requiring others who have already committed to their duty days to step in and serve again as VCs. We thought that we had weeded out the VC roster, leaving only those willing to serve in this capacity, but it looks like we will have to do it all over again next winter.
- RC staffing for the remainder of the season looks good.
- Lasers have been asking for separate starts for Radials in some events. Thought needs to be given to splitting the Lasers into two fleets for 2011 scheduling purposes if this continues.
- We need to watch the scheduling process for what can turn out to be a very light participation day. A case in point would be June 20, when the J18s had only 3 participants and the Solings had 4. This is a pretty light participation to schedule even a minimum RC of 8, and probably should be anticipated.

JR. COMMITTEE REPORT

- All summer classes and teams are running at full bore with the kids having a great time.
- The Annapolis Junior Race Week wrapped up this past week with the Sandy McVickar regatta held at SSA. 144 sailors in 3 classes competed. The SSA 420 team continued its week-long dominations, winning all 3 of the race week events, and placing many boats in the top 10 at each event.
- The travel teams began traveling this past weekend with a trip to Rock Hall for the CBYRA Junior Olympic regatta. The teams split up and head to the

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Opti Nationals and the 420 North Americans. These regattas will be forwarded by 420 regattas in the Buzzards Bay area, and Opti regattas in Newport.

- Quotes have been received to build the whaler stacking rack, with construction anticipated to begin in a week.

OLD BUSINESS

- The original agreements for CDs should be placed in the safe deposit box.
- Brian Hetherington presented the Snipe Nationals schedule and lot management plan. About 50-60 boats are expected. Luke recommended that the lot plan allow more space for boats that are not removed. There is a possibility of moving the measurement tent to open up the grassy area for camping. Boats from fleets that will race on Saturday, 8/21, could return on Friday and should talk with Brian about logistics.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board reviewed the storage rates and rate structures from the past several years. The Board will prepare a draft storage budget and rate proposal at the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. Next Board meeting will be August 23 @6:30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

NEW MEMBERS

Michael Brown
(Associate)
Fleet: Laser

CHANGES

Lucas Marrero
(Non-Resident)
Fleet: Laser

Boomer Mazanec (Jr.
Associate)
Fleet: Laser

Josh Moehle (Associate)
Fleet: Thistle

Junior Club Update

Summer 2010 was a successful season for the SSA junior program. We had a slight increase in participation based on last year, and are continuing a general trend of increased participation over the last 5 years. Our beginner classes were again sold out, and notably for this summer, we had a large increase in race team participation and travel. SSA was represented not only in local events, but sent teams to Virginia, New England, and California.

We continue racing in the Fall with our 420 high school program and Opti race team. Info meeting at SSA Monday Sept. 6th at 6:30 pm. First day of tryouts is Monday Sept 13. Schedule and more info available online. Opti race team practices Friday, Saturday, Sunday starting Sept 17th. Email juniors@severnsailing.org for more info.

FLEET NEWS

Jet 14 Fleet

SSA members had a strong showing at our Nationals at Tred Avon YC on the Eastern shore. SSA member Brent Brabehenn won his 15th Nationals, Gary and Cathy Montesana were 2nd, The McKenna's were 6th and the Reshetiloff's were 8th. All were sporting Jibotech Jets and all are SSA members. All the auction boats were sold, although none to SSA members or Maryland sailors. We also recently auctioned off a Jet on eBay but alas it too went to Cleveland. We look forward to our Fall Regatta's and our two day Districts and of course, Jetfrost winter sailing!

Laser Fleet



SSA sailors sweep TAYC's Annual One Design Oxford regatta. Dave Schoene 1st, Bob Tan 2nd and Dorian Haldeman 3rd.

Laser District Champs

The Corsica River Yacht Club hosted the 2010 Laser District 11 Championships on August 28 and 29. We were lucky enough to enjoy the new facilities at CRYC, with great camping, fantastic pavilion, and plenty of space to park vehicles and boats. The turnout at this District Championships was the best we have had in quite some time, with 42 Laser Standards and 18 Laser Radials for a fantastic fleet of 60 Lasers racing for the district crown.

SSA was incredibly well represented with no less than 15 sailors of the 42 Standards, and 3 of the 18 Radials, along with JR Futcher, Aaron Freeman, Katie Cross and Scott Hauck of AYC (who is our 2010 District Champion), Laser Fleet 10 was by far the best represented fleet at the regatta. Congratulations to Scott for working hard through three very difficult light air races to secure the win.

In third place for the regatta was SSA's own Junior Matt Schofield, who was also the 2nd place junior, great job to Matt for being very consistent throughout the regatta to secure 3rd place. Also in the top 10 from SSA was Brady White, battling the very light air to do very well in the

regatta. Karen Long was the top placed woman in the Standard Class. Bob Tan was the 2nd place master in 13th place, and Dave Sliom the 3rd place master in 14th place. Also from SSA in the Standard class was Holger Hinsch, Ted Morgan, Quinn Tobin, Jerry Smith, Adam Glass, James McKenna, Jeff Caruso, Steve Cofer, Leo Wilson and John Gebhardt. Representing SSA in the Radial class was Dorian Haldeman, Sandy Westphal and Ellie Riggs. Great job to all SSA sailors, thanks for supporting our district, and turning out in such strong numbers.

Several Laser Masters traveled to Charleston in the Spring to compete in the Masters Nationals, and we had a fantastic time as a fleet traveling, staying together and helping each other on the race course. This regatta was very similar, but in a more country setting. So many people from SSA, our own "base camp", our own "yacht" (thanks Leo Wilson), and about the best spirit at the regatta. It really is so much fun to travel as a fleet like this, and I hope we get to do it many more times in the future.

Snipe Fleet

Diaz/Tocke Win 2010 U.S. Snipe National Championship



61-Boat Fleet Characterized by Tight Competition on Chesapeake Bay

Augie Diaz and crew Kathleen Tocke captured the 2010 U.S. Snipe National Championship, hosted by Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis, Maryland, held August 16-20. The Diaz/Tocke team were four points ahead of their closest competitors in the four-race championship fleet series.

Miami-based boats swept the top four finish positions. The team of Brian Kamilar/Enrique Quintero—who won the qualifying Crosby series that split the fleet into the championship Heinzerling (championship) and Wells (consolation) fleets—finished second. Nick Voss/Nicole Popp, winners of the 2010 Junior National Championship, held August 14-15, finished in third place. Ernesto Rodriguez/Megan Place, past U.S. National Champions, placed fourth.

SSA members Carol Cronin (Jamestown, R.I.) with Kim Couranz (Annapolis, Md.), current U.S. Snipe Women's National Champions, finished fifth. Complete results are available at the regatta website, www.snipenationals.com.

"The Snipe National Championship is a great regatta, where any one of the top 20 boats has an honest shot at winning the regatta," said Brian Hetherington, who served as regatta chair for the 2010 event. "The Annapolis Snipe Fleet and SSA spent nearly two years organizing the regatta, so I'm delighted we had such great participation with a large, deep fleet."

Also taking home hardware was Christian Filter who placed first and Katie Wesdyk who finished third in the Special Junior National Championships on Saturday & Sunday which allows junior skippers to compete with a non-junior crew. Backing up Christian & Katie were their dads, Henry & Russ, respectively.

Competitors from across the United States faced a range of conditions throughout the week. On Monday and Wednesday, the competitors enjoyed steady breezes around 10 knots with puffs in the mid-teens; on Tuesday and Thursday participants were challenged by light air ranging from three to 10 knots. On Friday the breeze died while both fleets were on the first leg of their race and battling a strong ebb current, so Principal Race Officer Mark Hasslinger and his race committee abandoned the race and called the regatta to a close.

The top four teams qualified for the 2011 World Championship, to be held in Denmark. Additional qualifying regattas for the remaining U.S. slots will be held in the next few months.

Eleven U.S. boats—all of whom are tuned up from participating in the U.S. National Championship—previously qualified to represent the United States at the 2010 Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship, to be held August 28-September 4 in Ontario, Canada. Visit www.snipe.org for more information and to track Team U.S.A. results. SSA will be represented at the event by the teams of Cronin/Couranz, Henry Filter/Christian Filter, and Eric Reinke.

Miami's husband-wife team of Ken and Kay Voss won the Wells consolation series, with Laura Stamesh/Dan Dalglish (Colorado) finishing second, and John Lally/Kerry O'Brien (Massachusetts) finishing third.

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Local sailors receiving class perpetual rewards were Christian Filter, who received the Old Man Diaz Special

Junior National Championship Trophy, Brian Hetherington, who received the National Secretary's Award given to the Regatta Chairman, and Mark Hasslinger, who received the Macklanburg-Duncan Trophy awarded to the Principal Race Officer.

The regatta lived up to the Snipe Class motto of "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun." Regatta social chair Liz Filter and her team kept the fleet smiling with evening events including a traditional Chesapeake crab feast, festive awards banquet, and local watermelons and cantaloupe greeting competitors daily when they got off the water.

The US Snipe Class and Annapolis Snipe Fleet 532 would like to thank the SSA membership and the SSA Board for their support for this event and a special thanks to our sponsors: APS, Regatta Designs, North Sails One Design, Quantum Sails, Boatyard Bar & Grill, Pusser's Bar & Grill, Mystic Lake Fleets 77 & 777, Don Hackbarth, Joel Zackin, The Panza Family, Lee Griffith, Jon Anthony, and Marshall & Roberta Caggiano.

Plenty of Fall sailing to come

DATE	EVENT	FLEET
September 4-5	Crab Regatta	Thistle
September 11	Fall Series (2)	Laser
September 11-12	Day Sailer Invitational	Day Sailer
September 11-12	Fall Series	Snipe
September 12	Fall Series (2)	Jet 14
September 18-19	Fall Series	Lightning, Soling, Star
September 18-19	Johnson 18 Invitational	Johnson 18
September 25	Fall Series	Comet
September 25-26	Crab Claw	Laser
September 25-26	Fall Series	Thistle
September 26	Fall Series (2)	V15

Upcoming Events

- **Last TESOD of the season - Sept 7th**
- **High School Sailing Starts - Sept 13th**
- **Opti Fall Race Team - Practice Starts Sept 17th**
- **SAVE THE DATE - CLOSING DAY, Nov 13th**

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